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1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING LETTER FROM SHOSTAL TO KAZAKOV
OF HYDROMET:

JUNE 2, 1978 02.06-11

DR. YURIY YE. KAZAKOV
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DEAR YURIY:

I WAS DISTURBED TO LEARN OF PROBLEMS WITH A VISA FOR DR. A.
BELIAJEFF, WHO WAS SCHEDULED TO ACCOMPANY THE US COAST GUARD
DELEGATION TO THE USSR UNDER PROJECT 02.06-11. SINCE DR.
BELIAJEFF HAS FREQUENTLY PARTICIPATED IN WORK UNDER THIS

PROJECT AND IS THUS VERY FAMILIAR WITH THE VOCABULARY AND TECHNICAL PROBLEMS INVOLVED, HIS ABSENCE WOULD SERIOUSLY HAMPER THE WORK OF THE US DELEGATION. MOREOVER, AS I AM SURE YOU CAN APPRECIATE, IT IS DIFFICULT FOR THE US SIDE TO MAINTAIN THE INTEREST OF PROJECT PARTICIPANTS IN OUR JOINT WORK WHEN SUCH PROBLEMS ARISE.

I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD LOOK INTO THIS MATTER AND CONVEY TO THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES THE US REQUEST THAT THIS DECISION BE RECONSIDERED. IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AN EXPLANATION FROM THE SOVIET SIDE REGARDING THE REASONS FOR THE DENIAL. SINCE, AS YOU KNOW, THE US DELEGATION IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN THE USSR ON JUNE 13, I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU COULD SEND ME A REPLY BY JUNE 7.

IN THIS CONNECTION, WE ALSO REGRET THAT IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE - BECAUSE OF THE DELAY IN THE ISSUANCE OF VISAS - TO ADHERE TO THE ORIGINALLY AGREED TIMETABLE FOR THE VISIT OF THIS DELEGATION. THE LAST-MINUTE CHANGE IN THE DATES FOR THE VISIT HAVE CAUSED CONSIDERABLE INCONVENIENCE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE US DELEGATION, WHO HAVE IMPORTANT RESPONSIBILITIES AND COMMITMENTS. I HOPE YOU WILL ALSO CONVEY THIS THOUGHT TO THE APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS.

WITH BEST REGARDS,
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SINCERELY,

PIERRE SHOSTAL

2. FYI. FOR FURTHER COMMENTS ON THIS CASE, SEE SEPTTEL. CHRISTOPHER

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